

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Oesterle et al.

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**For:** TORSION BAR FOR APPLICATION IN  
BELT WINDERS FOR SAFETY BELTS

**Group:** 3654

**Examiner:** Scott J. Haugland

**Our File:** SFS-PT065  
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**Date:** March 16, 2009

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2009 [Paper No. 20081213].

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: